

REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Further, the Examiner states that claims 21 and 34 are generic. The Examiner indicates that claim 21 recites "solutions made with the acids, anhydrides, and hydroxy functional monomers" in a Markush group. Applicant elects with traverse the species reciting "acids."

Applicant believes that the election of species is improper because the craze resistant wire coating composition for magnet wires as defined by claim 21 may include not only the acid, anhydride, and hydroxy functional reactants individually, but also may include these reactants in various combinations. In some embodiments, the composition comprises only acid functional reactants, anhydride functional reactants, or hydroxy functional reactants. However, in other embodiments, such as those exemplified in Examples 4, 5, 7, 8, and 18, the coating composition comprises a mixture of the acid, anhydride, and hydroxy functional reactants recited in claim 21. Therefore, an appreciation of the nature of the invention is more properly achieved by the complete recitation of the acid, anhydride, and hydroxy functional reactants within a Markush group, and which may be selected, either individually or in combination, to be included in Applicant's claimed coating compositions.

Claims 21, 25, and 28 have been amended to clarify the molar composition of the claimed coating compositions with respect to the diisocyanate component and the trimellitic anhydride component. As indicated in Examples 2-18 of the application as filed, the trimellitic anhydride component is present in the solvent solution at about 75 to about 100 mole percent relative to the diisocyanate component. In addition, as illustratively described by Example 6, in coating compositions comprising diisocyanate, trimellitic anhydride, and


vinyl terminated silicone oil, the aggregate amount of trimellitic anhydride and vinyl terminated silicone oil is substantially the molar equivalent of the amount of the diisocyanate.

New claims 39-41 have been added and are drawn to the elected species. In particular, claim 39 recites only the acid element from the Markush group defined in claim 21. Further, claims 40 and 41 recite a magnet wire including a composition recited in claim 39.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the election requirement leading to its withdrawal, and examination of all the claims pending in the present application. Pursuant to MPEP § 809.02(a), Applicant indicates that previously added claims 24, 26, 29, 34-35, and 37; currently amended claims 21, 25, and 28; and newly added claims 39-41 are readable on the species elected herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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